



An Australian air force security dog handler stands guard near a B-2 during exercise Green Lightning, which took place July 25-27.

B-2 completes first deployment to Australia

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE DARWIN, Northern Territory, Australia – The U.S. Air Force has completed its first-ever B-2 deployment on the continent of Australia. The historic event took place July 25-27 and featured training sorties on Australia's Delamere Air Weapons Range and a B-2 Engine Running Crew Change at RAAF Darwin – the first time the B-2 has landed on Australian soil.

Called "Green Lightning," the Total Force mission featured B-2 Spirit Bombers from the 13th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and was supported by KC-10 tankers from the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command's 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. Both units are deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

"Exercises like this underline the continuing importance of the Australia-U.S. alliance as an anchor of regional security in the Asia-Pacific region," said Col. Bob Wheeler, 36th Expeditionary Operations Group commander at Andersen AFB. "This benefits both nations and will greatly improve our strategic interoperability."

Australian defense officials agreed, stressing the benefits Australia can gain from these training exercises.

"Australia's alliance with the U.S. is based on shared values and a range of mutual strategic interests," said Diarmid Bartlett, of the Australian Defence Department's International Policy Division. "Training and exercising with the world's most technologically advanced armed forces provide many benefits to the Australian Defence Force which cannot be

obtained through other means."

During Green Lightning, two B-2s made a visit to the Delamere Training Range. According to Colonel Wheeler, the Delamere Range is a world-class site, allowing for instantaneous feedback on the tactics and procedures in conducting operations over the range.

"The range facility in Australia's Northern Territory allows many skills to be honed and tested – no other range in the Pacific provides such facilities," he added. "Bombers deployed to the Pacific will now be able to get training they would not have been able to get before now."

Although this was the first time B-2s landed in Australia, this marks a return for the 13th EBS, which arrived in Australia March 10, 1942, and flew B-25 Mitchell bombers in the first B-25 bombing missions of World War II.

The 506th EARS Airmen – deployed from the Air Force Reserve Command's 514th Air Mobility Wing and the Air Force's 305th AMW at McGuire AFB, N.J. – are excited about the pivotal role they played in Green Lightning.

"This operations a perfect example of the Air Force's 'total force' in action," said Lt. Col. Jon Spare, 506th EARS commander. "Both Air Force Reservists and active-duty Airmen cooperatively worked together to ensure the success of these missions."

"We provided more than half a million pounds of fuel to the B-2s during Green Lightning, and it's a credit to all of the Airmen involved that these missions were achieved with such seamless precision," he added.

The result of a November 2005 joint agreement between Australia and the U.S., this exercise paves the way for period-

ic strategic bomber aircraft training in the Northern Territory.

"I think you can be confident U.S. bombers learned a lot from working in the Australian range and will continue to build on the great relationship between our countries," said Colonel Wheeler. "We insure our pilots maintain their combat skills in a stressing environment and benefit from being able to exercise with the Australian Defence Force."

The B-2 aircraft, pilots and support personnel – deployed from the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman – are at Andersen providing the U.S. Pacific Command commander a continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The rotational bomber presence is aimed at enhancing regional security, demonstrating U.S. commitment to the Western Pacific, and providing integrated training opportunities," said Colonel Wheeler. "Working with our Australian allies helps us achieve all of these objectives, while continuing to build on our relationship with a great ally."

"Sharing training facilities with the Australians greatly enhances our ability to simulate combat conditions," said Lt. Col. Bill Eldridge, 13th EBS commander. Colonel Eldridge was aircraft commander on the B-2 that landed at RAAF Darwin July 27 and was part of the Engine Running Crew Change.

"During a recent Red Flag Exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev., Royal Australian Air Force aircraft exercised with our B-2s in a similar fashion to what we hope to do in the future in Australia's training ranges," he added.

The 13th EBS is scheduled to remain at Andersen AFB through early September. The 506th EARS Airmen from McGuire are scheduled to return in mid-August.

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Which member of the flag security detail remains at attention while the flag is folded? (see answer below)

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The senior member, unless they are needed to control the flag.

Air Force Quiz answer

Niner's Notes

By Col. Eric Single

509th Bomb Wing vice commander

With the completion of last week's Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit, we have begun the nuclear, or Emergency War Order cycle of our wing battle rhythm.

As we continue to maintain our ability to execute the conventional mission, we will shift our focus to achieving excellence on the EWO side of the house in preparation for November's Joint Nuclear Surety Inspection.

The NSSAV gave us a good baseline assessment of our EWO programs, and provided and indication of where we need to concentrate our efforts to ensure the 509th Bomb Wing EWO programs are the best in the command.

Overall, the Air Combat Command team found our focus and commitment to

nuclear surety programs "an effective solution to ensure the wing is always prepared to execute its nuclear mission."

Our next wing-level event will be a Nuclear Surety Exercise from Aug. 21-28.

We'll begin the exercise with a new concept: a wing-wide "S3 Day" to facilitate unit-level focus on Safety, Security, and Surety on the first day of the event.

No sorties will be generated or flown that day to enable commanders to conduct a focused unit-level review of the critical safety, security and surety topics that are so important to a successful JNSI.

Wing-level guidelines will be provided for some directed areas of study and review, but for the most part, the day is designed to allow commanders to focus on unit-specific areas of emphasis.

By curtailing some of our normal day-

to-day operations, we will be better able to focus on specific aspects of our nuclear surety programs.

The three tenets of Safety, Security, and Surety should be the cornerstones of everything we do, every day.

They make up the framework by which we can operate safely, effectively and efficiently. You can't go wrong if you make the "three S's" part of your daily routine!

The EWO mission is an important part of what the 509th Bomb Wing contributes to America's awesome military power.

The nature of this critical mission dictates an incredible level of attention to detail and perfection in execution.

Your wing leadership and I have great confidence in your ability to achieve this perfection ... after all, there's none finer than a 509-er!



THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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SECAF/CSAF Letter to Airmen: Diversity and the United States Air Force

Today's Air Force is composed of America's finest men and women. From all walks of life—rural farms, inner cities, and every place in-between young Americans are drawn to the call of Integrity, Service and Excellence.

We celebrate this diversity, recognizing that such a mix of experience leads to a breadth of perspective and broader horizons, and ultimately innovative new ways to maximize our combat capabilities for the Joint Team.

Harnessing such magnificent differences into an effective, coherent team takes solid leadership, quality training and a conscious effort toward mutual respect on all our parts.

Tolerating harassment of any type is no different than committing the offense. As we become a leaner, more lethal force, we simply have no place for such criminal or divisive behavior.

We are all Airmen, and under enemy fire the race, religion, sex or geographic origin of the Airman fighting next to us is irrelevant. We expect you to exhibit a similar whole-hearted respect toward your fellow Airmen—your Wingmen—wherever you work today.

The United States' first national motto, "E pluribus unum," means "out of many, one." Initially, the motto referred to the formation of our great Nation from the thirteen colonies. It subsequently took on new meaning as people from all over the globe immigrated here, making the U.S. a multi-cultural "melting pot."

Today, that phrase reminds us that we're in this fight together. Let's make sure the efforts and innovations of all Airmen are welcomed and appreciated. Your Nation demands no less.



Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

T. Michael Mosley
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Newsline

State Fair military appreciation day set

The Missouri State Fair offers Military Appreciation Day Aug. 15. Military ID card holders get free admission, family member get \$1 off admission and carnival ride wrist bands are discounted \$3. Youth 12 and under get in free.

Parking is free. Gates open at 7:30 a.m., exhibits open at 9 a.m. and carnival rides begin at noon.

The fair runs from Aug. 10-20 at the fair-ground in Sedalia. For more details, visit the Web site: www.mostatefair.com.

Military Appreciation Day set

Saturday the Kansas City Royals will pay tribute to those service members, both past and present, during a very special event billed as "Military Appreciation Day."

For information and tickets contact Johnathan Edwards, event coordinator, at (307) 286-4871 or johnathan.edwards@us.army.mil or jaedwards1985@hotmail.com.

New kiosk to help base members

Whiteman has just received and installed a new DynaTouch OneStop kiosk.

The new kiosk is designed to provide 24/7 customer service to the Whiteman team and support to all active duty, retired, reserve members, civilian, as well as all family members.

The Kiosk provides access to information on a wide variety of topics including money matters, personnel matters, family support, health and wellness, housing and lodging, relocation assistance and much more.

The finance office encourages all military and civilian personnel to use this kiosk for access to the Air Force portal, MyPay and LeaveWeb, virtual military personnel flight, virtual civilian personnel flight and other base services.

The Kiosk is located inside the base post office building directly across from the mail bins.

For more information on using the kiosk, contact the 509th Comptroller Squadron at 660-687-2006.

(Information courtesy of the 509th Comptroller Squadron)



Photo by Christina Mitchell

Senior Airman Audrey Soto-Meadows, 509th Comptroller Squadron, tests the functionality of the new DynaTouch One-Stop kiosk at the base post office.

Whiteman welcomes new bomb wing staff leaders

Area Defense Council



Capt. Daniel Jones became the base Area Defense Counsel June 26.

Previous assignment: Whiteman legal office

Time in service: Two years

Commissioning source: Direct appointment out of law school

Family: Wife, Katherine

Hobbies: Travel, fly-fishing and golf

How does your unit contribute to the Air Force mission? The Area Defense Counsel provides individual legal representation to all members of the Air Force who have had or may have adverse or criminal action taken against them. We act independently of the traditional command structure and our loyalties lie solely with our client.

ADC Leadership Philosophy: Members of the United States Air Force cannot defend the rights of the Republic without the security that their own rights will be protected.

Goals for new position: Protecting and preserving the rights of individual Airman — not only defending individual cases, but affecting the conduct of the military justice system in such a way that promotes the interests of justice.

509th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate



Lt. Col. Mark Hatch became the 509th Bomb wing staff judge advocate July 3.

Previous assignment: Director of expeditionary and operational law division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

Time in service: 15 years this September.

Commissioning source: Direct appointee

Family: Wife, Donna; Son, Steven, 21; Daughter, Lauren, 5.

Hobbies: Spacing children out 16 years apart. Sports (KC Chiefs and Royals fan), fishing, running, hiking, etc. Reading of all types (fiction and non-fiction).

How does your unit contribute to the Air Force mission? Provide commanders at all levels with solid counsel and advice on all operational and legal matters, to include military justice and administrative actions.

Leadership philosophy: Merit victory. You may not win every award or competition, but prepare yourself and your troops to do the mission so well that you never doubt your own effort and commitment. Deserve to win.

Goals for new position: Make the Legal Office a visible and easily accessed asset for Whiteman's community. Ensure the work product, and the professional reputations of those responsible for preparing that product, are of the highest standards. Meet and exceed the expectations of those who seek our counsel.

509th Bomb Wing Chaplain



Chaplain (Maj.) Steven West became the base chaplain July 7.

Previous assignment: Air Staff

Time in service: 17 years active, 10 years reserve

Commissioning source: Direct commission

Family: Wife, Cherri; Son, Adam; Daughter, Jenni

Hobbies: Woodworking, sports and computers

How does your unit contribute to the Air Force mission? The Chaplain Service provides chaplains and chaplain assistants to facilitate the free exercise of religion. We are charged with seeing that the religious rights of those we serve are preserved. This is accomplished through rites and worship, religious education, counseling and unit visitation. Chaplains are in a unique position in that they can receive privileged communication. The privilege of having absolute and total confidentiality in communications with United States Air Force chaplains is an essential component of the chaplain's ministry.

Leadership philosophy: Glorifying God, honoring Airmen and serving all.

Goals for new position: Empowering my staff so that they can concentrate on serving the needs of this community, providing a quality religious program, meeting the requirements of our mission and the needs of our people.

Wing announces quarterly award winners

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing honored the second quarter award winners during a breakfast at Mission's End July 27. The winners are:

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Timothy Hensley, 509th Communications Squadron, is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

The network systems flight commander led 55 military and four civilians in operating Whiteman's \$20 million network, which has 5,000 users. He maintained direct support to 147 client support administrators while managing more than 6,800 network accounts and 3,500 personal computers.

Captain Hensley proactively managed the 509th Bomb Wing's \$4.5 million automated data processing equipment inventory program and improved network accounts to a 100 percent current rate, which was the best in years, and first in Air Combat Command. He also drove C2 changes in the B-2 deployed Concepts of Operations plan that ACC adopted for implementation for world-wide B-2 operations.

Captain Hensley is taking three credits toward his master's degree in telecommunications management and holds a 4.0 grade point average. He is also postured to serve in the area of operation by completing 20 hours of Farsi language training.

In his spare time, he has raised \$2,000 and volunteered 19 hours to the Mid-America games, which helped more than 200 developmentally disabled children. He has also devoted 30 additional hours to coaching both soccer and baseball for local youth teams.



Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Lorrin Savage, 509th Medical Group, is the Senior NCO of the Quarter.

The clinical operations manager sustained nine individual doctor schedules in the absence of her flight chief, which included more than 4,000 appointments and \$615,000 in healthcare. She also spearheaded the audit of 3,500 records, which involved the screening of 18 areas and an overall decrease in discrepancies from 16 to four percent.

Sergeant Savage assured federal compliance by organizing a monthly records review where she corrected and standardized 50 folders and four documents. She also supervised daily functions, and coordinated the schedules of 21 troops and 210 appointments while providing uninterrupted care.

Sergeant Savage also saved 54 man-hours by adjusting an education and training paradigm, which aligned shortages and work schedules as upgrade training time was cut 50 percent.

As a technical sergeant, she completed the senior NCO course in four months and applied the lessons she learned to her troops.

Sergeant Savage was elected president for the Medical Group's Top 5 Council, and serves as the elected Bomb Wing Top 3 Treasurer. She has also conducted Airman Development Course briefings to 48 Airmen, which provides support and feedback to personnel.



NCO

Staff Sgt. Carl Robertson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the NCO of the Quarter.

The dedicated crew chief was instrumental in his squadron's achieving a 52 percent June mission capable rate, which beat the ACC standard for the first time in 21 months. He was a shift supervisor during Exercise Red Flag 06-01 and ensured a 100 percent on time take-off rate during 55 combat training sorties.

Sergeant Robertson reverified a windscreen inspection, which averted 60 down days and saved \$155,000. He also maintained the Chief of Staff of the Air Force-directed Global Strike missions, and was flawless in validating B-2 and F-22 integration.

In his spare time, Sergeant Robertson completed 10 credit

hours and earned his Community College of the Air Force associate's degree while holding a 3.75 GPA.

Sergeant Robertson volunteered 16 hours during the Wings Over Whiteman airshow at a booth, which earned more than \$2,000, and helped entertain more than 35,000 visitors. He also volunteered eight hours in coordinating relief efforts, which assisted 14 neighbors after multiple tornado strikes.

Airman

Senior Airman Kimberly White, 509th Munitions Squadron, is the Airman of the Quarter.

The weapons team chief garnered the coveted Airman Leadership School 06-D John L. Levitow and Leadership awards. Airman White was also hand-picked by her leaders to develop and establish the Whiteman command disablement system training guide.

Airman White also provided outstanding support for the May 2006 Special Assignment Airlift Mission exercise that trained wing leaders. Her keen attention to detail enabled her to identify and correct more than 50 discrepancies during her section's Career Field Education and Training Plan transcription, and she set the standard for her peers to emulate with a 100 percent pass rate on eight Quality Assurance personnel evaluations.

In her spare time, she recently earned her CCAF degree in munitions systems technology, and has completed six credit hours toward her bachelor's.

Airman White managed munitions volunteer support for the Wings Over Whiteman air show, which was enjoyed by more than 35,000 people. She was also a guest speaker at the Blue Springs Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps banquet, where she provided insight on challenges facing today's military personnel.



Honor Guard

Airman 1st Class Andrew Young, 509th Communications Squadron, is the Honor Guardsman of the Quarter.

The help desk technician accomplished 311 hours of details in 99 Missouri counties and 19 Kansas counties while performing the final honors for family members of 21 retirees and 13 veterans. Airman Young educated Airmen about the honor guard program's significance when he performed four mock funerals for First Term Airmen Center students.

Airman Young was selected above his colleagues as a trainer and increased the Bravo team quarterly evaluation pass rate to 20 percent. He also developed a fitness training program, which dedicated 10 hours per week and motivated teammates to exceed standards.

In his spare time, Airman Young achieved an above average score of 92 percent on his annual fitness test, and provided hours of tutoring for multiple children by participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Airman Young tracked funds for two morale-building functions, while serving as the Atlantis Hall dorm council treasurer. He also provided more than 12 hours of assistance during the Sedalia tornado cleanup efforts.



Volunteer

Karla Winslow, wife of Tech. Sgt. Steve Winslow, 509th Medical Support Squadron, is the Volunteer of the Quarter.

The Whiteman Elementary School Parent and Teacher Organization volunteer was responsible for organizing and directing PTO fundraiser events. As the board chairperson, she recruited, orientated and trained volunteers to conduct activities, and addressed monthly PTO board meetings with reports on progress of scheduled fundraisers.

Mrs. Winslow volunteered more than 150 hours during this quarter, which includes orchestrating a family fun night for the Whiteman Elementary 2005 Spring Book Fair that raised more than \$5,600.

Mrs. Winslow has donated more than 30 hours as a Girl Scout Cookie mom when she collected and distributed cookies for her troops, while handling all profits from the sales. She has also shown the example of sharing quality time with children as she organized the Girl Scout Mother



and Daughter Tea Party for more than 150 participants.

In her spare time, Mrs. Winslow enjoys spending time with her husband and their two children, Kristin and Andrew.

Laborer/Craftsman

Brent Duckworth, 509th Maintenance Squadron, is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter.

Mr. Duckworth initiated leading edge composite strap repair and provided 60 hours in training and task qualification to three upgrade trainees, which saved more than \$250,000 in depot repair costs.

The aircraft structural maintenance craftsman was handpicked over 191 technicians to perform the most difficult composite repair on the B-2 exhaust lip. He prevented depot maintenance and averted \$1 million in repair costs when he engaged engineers five times and gained local repair approval.

Mr. Duckworth also erased an aircraft safety flight condition and ensured a training sortie was met, when he repaired a cracked engine by installing a patch on the inlet air duct.

In his spare time, he has earned 25 credits toward an aviation technology degree while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Mr. Duckworth is an avid runner and trainer who has increased his section's fitness test pass scores through sharing his personal experience and training techniques. He also supported MXS personnel with clean-up and repair of household goods after a tornado destroyed their homes.



Specialist/Manager

Jerry Osban, 509th Security Forces Squadron, is the Specialist/Manager of the Quarter.

As the resource protection manager he reduced evaluations from four to two years when he initiated the tracking and forecast database for unit reviews and exercises. He also increased security and business success when he trained employees by strengthening the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and UMB bank anti-robbery programs.

Mr. Osban standardized remote perimeter entry and eliminated two gates when he coordinated the hardening of base gates with Anti-Terrorism and the Civil Engineer Squadron. He orchestrated a rehabilitation tool and reduced crime by attuning parental support and community service in the Juvenile Diversion Program.

He enhanced reaction time for immediate weapon response by establishing the MK-9 ammo vessels security measures, and prioritized recall procedures on an alarm response matrix, which saved owners and users time and money with zero security degradations.

In his spare time, Mr. Osban has honed his writing skills by communicating community policing and safety awareness in two *Spirit Times* articles. He is a charter member of the Security Police Association and supports booster club fundraisers.



Associate

Bain Walling, 509th Communications Squadron, is the Associate Civilian of the Quarter.

The budget technician managed 163 government travel card members totaling \$82,000 during three consecutive months with zero delinquencies for the squadron. He saved the work center three hours per week when he trained contracting personnel on the integrated accounts payables system, and gave assistance to 10 squadron members on travel reconciliation assured accurate processing.

Mr. Walling assured no interest payment and \$285 earned as incentive discounts because of his actions on contract payments. He also personally intervened during a critical supply shortage at Fort Leonard Wood by ensuring mission-critical parts were ordered.

He eliminated fraudulent calls on Personal Identification Numbers and recouped \$85 in charges due to his strict attention to detail. He also mentored flight commanders, through his experience in the squadron defense travel system, which resulted in zero TDY errors on processed travel vouchers.

In his spare time, he obtained his CCAF degree in financial management, completed resource management training on a computer based course, and shared his knowledge with his Airmen after he finished the Change Management Course.

Mr. Walling also supported community activities by volunteering weekend hours to support the Knob Noster T-ball league.



'Gateway to the West' embraces Air Force

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — The B-2 will join the Thunderbirds and other Air Force aircraft Thursday as part of a week-long air power celebration in St. Louis.

St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay will sign a decree Monday proclaiming the week "Air Force Week" in St. Louis.

As part of an effort by Air Force officials to help raise public awareness of the service's operations, capabilities and support of the war on terror, while showcasing its Airmen and thanking friends in the area for their support, they selected St. Louis to host this inaugural event.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley encourages everyone in the greater St. Louis area to come out and enjoy the Air Force Week activities, including the open house and air show at nearby Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Aug. 12 and 13.

"These activities provide a remarkable opportunity for the Air Force to demonstrate the pride and professionalism of the greatest air and space force the world has ever known," he said.

Events kick off Sunday in downtown St. Louis, when an Airman from Scott AFB will throw out the first pitch at the

St. Louis Cardinals - Milwaukee Brewers baseball game. F-15 Eagles from the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Fighter Wing at Lambert Field will fly over Busch Stadium.

Other events scheduled during the week include:

■ Appearances at the St. Louis Science Center by an Air Force officer who is a NASA astronaut Tuesday; an Air Force pilot from the IMAX movie "Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag" Wednesday; and members of the Air Force's precision flying team, the Thunderbirds, Thursday.

■ A "Salute to the Air Force" Tuesday at the Gateway Grizzlies game against the Traverse City Beach Bums in Sauget, Ill., will include a C-17 Globemaster III flyover.

■ A flyover of downtown St. Louis on Thursday will include a B-2 Spirit, a C-130 Hercules, a KC-135 Stratotanker and the Thunderbirds.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, the open house will include fighter and transport aircraft flybys, parachute jumps, numerous static displays and other demonstrations. The event is free and open to the public.

August promotions

Seventy-nine Whiteman members received their stripes during a promotion ceremony Tuesday at Mission's End. They are:



AIRMEN

Veronica Casillas, Yuki Hopwood, Hae Jung and Napoleon Rainey, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Eric Barnes, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Celia Castillo and Timothy Delap, 509th Security Forces Squadron



AIRMEN 1ST CLASS

James Hulett, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Christopher Myers, 509th Medical Operations Squadron
Matthew Bell, Jonathan Graham, Bobby Lopez and Rodney Weaver, 509th Munitions Squadron
Robert Amburgey, Brandon Layton, Joshua Lipp, Jason Nelson and Ryan Witherspoon, 509th SFS



SENIOR AIRMEN

David Pape and Zachery Teague, 509th AMXS
Jason Burton and Matthew Sherman, 509th Bomb Wing
Christopher Mann and Alonzo Warner, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Matthew Ostberg, 509th Communications Squadron
Courtney Light, 509th Comptroller Squadron
Chad Latta, 509th LRS
Nathan Hedrick, Adam Colaprete, Pamela Kenney, Amber Livingston, Shane Marrinan, Leah Porter, Benjamin Stone and Jonathan White, 509th MXS
Brett Dallinger and Shawn McNew, 509th MUNS
Jenna Davey, Michael Hall, Steven Hawkins, Mykala Robinson and Derek Vaughn, 509th OSS
Ezekiel Buck, 509th SFS



STAFF SERGEANTS

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Rene Allende, 509th BW
Brian Hughes and Brandon Postlethwaite, 509th CS
George Keen, 509th LRS
Daniel Davis, Joshua Oloff, Mark Owens, Matthew Sacilowski, Jamie Walker and Joshua Wynn, 509th MXS
Keith Chase, 509th Medical Support Squadron
Theresa Paxton, 509th Mission Support Squadron
David Logue, 509th MUNS
Christopher Dyer, 509th OSS
William Abell, Dacia Blascoe, Dunn Russell, Tabitha Moore, Shanna West and Christopher Hobbs, 509th SFS
Angelo Miranda, 509th Services Squadron



TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

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Ronald Morris, 509th LRS
Brian Coffel and William Duke, 509th MXS
Melinda Ulm, 509th MSS
Jeffrey Mattis, 509th MUNS



MASTER SERGEANTS

Richard Hahn, 13th Bomb Squadron
Kenneth Lybolt, 509th AMXS
George Eckelbecker, 509th MXS
Richard Coats, Stanley Gustafson and Michael Mitchell, 509th SFS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Leo Clausen, 509th AMXS

New advances in contact lenses

By Maj. (Dr.) Douglas Franz

509th Medical Operations Squadron chief of optometry

Contact lenses are a very popular way to correct someone's vision.

I would estimate that half of my patients wear contact lenses. The most common contact lens used is a disposable contact lens that you wear on a daily wear basis and throw out every two to three weeks.

These lenses are good but don't deliver much oxygen to the cornea, or clear part of the eye.

A year or so ago, contact lens manufacturers made a break through in contact lens manufacturing and are now making contacts lenses that provide a tremendous amount of oxygen to the eye.

These new lenses are made out of a silicone-hydrogel material. The addition of silicone makes these lenses very oxygen permeable. Increasing the amount of oxygen to the cornea is a good thing and keeps the cells that cover the cornea healthy and more able to withstand the often inhospitable environment of the eye.

The eye harbors many nasty bugs, some are good

and some are bad.

A healthy cornea is better able to withstand these critters. More oxygen to the eye creates a healthy cornea. Most major contact lens manufacturers now make contact lenses in this new material.

Some are approved for extended wear though I discourage this and encourage patients to take out their contact lenses on a daily basis.

After all, you wouldn't wear the same pair of underwear for a month straight? Well, maybe some of you would, but you should take out your contact lenses every night anyway.

Another major concern lately is a fungal corneal infection in patients who wear contact lenses and who use the disinfecting solution, Bausch and Lomb Renu with MoistureLoc.

As of April 2006, cases of this rare fungal corneal infection starting showing up in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shown a link between the fungus and the Renu with MoistureLoc, but they don't know why yet.

The CDC inspected the plant where the solution is made and the product does not have the fungus in it.

So be sure to look in your bathrooms tonight and if you have Bausch and Lomb Renu with MoistureLoc, throw it out immediately and don't use it.

Bausch and Lomb makes a few Renu products so it's important that you make sure that the product contains the ingredient MoistureLoc.

If your lenses are sitting in that solution, throw out the contact lenses and the case. If you develop a painful red eye, please report to the optometry clinic during duty hours or go to the emergency room.

To reduce the risk of an eye infection while wearing contact lenses, always wash your hands well before handling your lenses and rinse out your contact lens case on a daily basis and let the case air dry.

Contact lenses are a great way to correct your vision. They work well for sports and most patients with high prescriptions can see better in contact lenses.

They are very safe if handled properly and new lens materials offer the patient more oxygen to the eye than ever before.

For more information, contact the optometry clinic at 687-3937.

Court report

In June, seven Whiteman military members received punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice and two were administratively discharged.

Article 15

An airman 1st class from the 509th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for larceny of non-military property under \$500. Punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman, forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months, 18 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for misusing a government travel card. Punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman, and 20 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for being absent without leave. Punishment was a reduction to airman with a suspended reduction to airman basic and 30 days extra duty.

An airman basic from the 509th Medical Operations Squadron received an Article 15 for indecent assault, using indecent language and providing alcohol to a minor. Punishment was a forfeiture of \$636 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 60 days and a reprimand.

An airman from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for larceny of non-military property over \$500 and underage drinking. Punishment was a reduction to airman basic, a suspended forfeiture of \$636 pay per month for two months and 21 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for making a false official statement and for sleeping on duty. Punishment was a reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for writing worthless checks. Punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman Basic, restriction to base for 45 days and 45 days extra duty.

Discharges

An airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a General Discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman from the 509th Communications Squadron received a General Discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

In May, six Whiteman military members received punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice and two were administratively discharged.

Article 15

An airman first class from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and AWOL. Punishment was 14 days restriction to base and 14 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th Comptroller Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and making a false official statement. Punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 509th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. Punishment was reduction to Airman, 45 days restriction to Whiteman Air Force Base and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for misuse of the government travel card. Punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman, 30 days restriction to base and 30 days extra duty.

A captain from the 509th Medical Group received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. Punishment was a reprimand.

A staff sergeant from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and making a false official statement. Punishment was reduction to senior airman.

Discharges

An airman basic from the 509th Services Squadron received a General Discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman first class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a General Discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

Bringing'em home



Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Olsen

Senior Airman Leo Ott, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (center), received the Airman Against Drunk Driving quarterly award for his dedication and service to the organization. Also pictured is Tech Sgt. Patrick Nededog, 509th Mission Support Group and AADD president (right), and 1st Lt. David Hunter, Detachment 12 and AADD public affairs (left). For more information about Airmen Against Drunk Driving, call Staff Sgt. Valerie DeVerney, 509th MSG, at 687-5942

CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS VISIT WHITEMAN

By Austin Nasca

Civil Air Patrol

A local Civil Air Patrol group visited Whiteman June 26-July 3.

The cadets were here as part of this year's Missouri Wing Summer Encampment.

The encampment experience included seeing a B-2 Stealth Bomber, A-10 Thunderbolt II, T-38 Talon and an AH-64 Apache.

The cadets also toured the Oscar-01 Missile Launch Control Facility and ate at the Ozark Inn dining facility.

After only the first couple of days the cadets, ages ranging from 12 to 18 years old, had positive comments.

When asked about his favorite part of the experience, Cadet Tech. Sgt. Ian McDonough stated, he enjoyed staying at the S-6 Alert facility.

"I like doing what the Air Force does," Cadet Airman Joshua Carr said. "I like the physical training and the drill."

The encampment was run by a cadet staff and a senior staff so that more experienced cadets could grow in their leadership ability while the attendees focused on learning to follow.

The training experience for the attendees entails keeping their rooms and uniforms in inspection order and enhance their knowledge of drill and ceremonies while they developed a sense of honor and self-discipline.

CAP is the official auxiliary to the United States Air Force and has three main missions: aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services.

The emergency services component sets CAP apart from similar youth organizations, and allows its members to support the aviation community with search and rescue capabilities such as ground teams and airborne search and surveillance.

CAP would like to thank all of the personnel at Whiteman Air Force Base that made the events, tours, meals and billeting possible.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Civil Air Patrol form up outside the S-6 Alert Facility as part of their encampment at Whiteman.

'Reel' basics



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Master Sgt. John Miner, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows Shannon Rich, daughter of Staff Sgt. Michael Rich, Detachment 6, 372nd Training Squadron, the proper techniques of fishing during a Youth Instruction Fishing Class July 26 at Skelton Park. The class, which teaches children the basic principles of fishing like tying knots, how to cast and basic fish identification, is voluntarily taught by Sergeant Miner and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Marriot, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. "The big thing is just getting them out there to fish," Sergeant Miner said. "If we can teach kids how much fun it can be in the outdoors, hopefully they will carry that on for a lifetime." For more information on youth programs, contact Shawanda Bell at 687-3199.



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Today

Missoula Children’s Theater

Watch the children of Whiteman perform in The Frog Prince 3 -7 p.m. today at the community center. Tickets are \$2 each, free for children younger than 2 years old.

Finale party - summer reading

A huge pizza party will be held to celebrate the end of the summer reading program, 5:30 p.m. today at the library. Every child who attends the party and has reached their reading goal will be entered in the drawings to win one of the top prizes. Children 12 and under can win one of two bikes courtesy of Wal-Mart in Warrensburg*, and 13- to 18-year-olds can win one of two \$35 gift certificates also from Wal-Mart in Warrensburg* there will be some great door prizes as well. Participants will each receive their certificate and the winners from each age category will be announced. The party is free to attend.

Teen bowling

The teen center is bowling at Stars and Strikes from 6 p.m. tonight. Teens should bring money for bowling and snacks.

Saturday

Parent/child fishing tournament

The youth center is holding an end of summer parent, child fishing tournament, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the base lake. Open to children 9 years and older and their parents or guardian. The fishing is free with prizes for the most fish caught and the biggest fish.

Family friendly movie

Bring the children to the community center for a family movie on their big screen every Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday

Nine-hole family scramble

End the summer family days with a fun tournament over nine-holes. The tees will be set up 200 yards or less from the hole and each player must hit from the same tee. The tournament starts at 3 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$30 for four people with a cart.

Monday

Zoo at the library

Kansas City Zoo staff will introduce some of their animals to children at the library at 10 a.m. Monday. Don’t forget your camera for this free event!

\$2 members lunch

Club members can enjoy the buffet lunch for \$2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at Mission’s End.

Youth soccer coach training

Anyone wanting to coach youth soccer this fall must attend the training session, 5-7:30 p.m. Monday at the community cen-

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ter. Call 687-3199 to volunteer.

Chiefs lottery

Call outdoor recreation before 3 p.m. Monday to register for the chance to purchase chiefs tickets. The lottery will take place 5.30 p.m. Monday at Mission’s End.

Precocious preschoolers photo contest

Enter your preschooler in the community center’s photo contest by dropping off a non-professional photograph Monday-Friday. Judging will be by public vote after Aug. 11. Be sure to put the child’s name, birth date, your name and contact details on the back of the photo.

Tuesday

Intermediate jewelry class

Build on skills learned in the beginner’s jewelry class with the two-session intermediate class, 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Aug. 15 at arts and crafts. The class costs \$25 plus supplies, sign up by noon Monday.

Summer ball league

Del Warren, president of Track International, Inc. will visit the Stars and Strikes at 6 p.m. Tuesday for a seminar on bowling skills as part of the summer ball league.

Wednesday

Preteen trip to Oasis water park

Children ages 9 to 12 can cool off with a trip to the Oasis water park in Independence, Mo. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday. The trip costs \$7 for members, \$8 for nonmembers, sign up at the teen center.

Framing

Get certified to become a self-helper in the frame shop at arts and crafts. Bring a 5-by-7 inch picture to frame and learn how to cut mats, glass and join a frame, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday at Arts and crafts. The cost is \$25 which includes supplies. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Thursday

Scrapbooking - Embossing II

Improve your embossing skills. The class takes place 9-11 a.m. Thursday at arts and crafts. The class costs \$10 plus supplies, sign up by noon Wednesday.

Beginner sewing

Bring a sewing machine (in good working order), pattern, fabric and supplies to arts and crafts and receive instruction on how to get started on your creation with this three-session class. The class takes place 6-8 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 24 and costs \$30 plus supplies. Sign up by noon Wednesday.

Scrapbooking - beginners

Get started with this very popular hobby with a basic class to introduce you to terminology, tools, supplies and ideas. The class takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at arts and crafts and costs \$10

plus supplies. Sign up by noon Wednesday.

Super summer sweeper

If you have played in seven Thursday throwback sweepers this summer you have qualified for the super summer sweeper, 7 p.m. Thursday at Stars and Strikes. The entry fee is \$40 and the prize fund has been growing all summer with \$3 of every entry being added each week. Call 687-5114 for details.

Coming up

Marble kaleidoscope

Make your own stained glass kaleidoscope. The class takes place 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 14 and 19 at arts and crafts. The cost is \$35, sign up by noon Aug. 11.



Family & Teen Talent
Whiteman Idol
August 18
at 6pm

We’re showcasing Whiteman’s talent!

We’re inviting you to join in, or just cheer on the fun!

Come be a part of it!

Want more info?
Contact the Community Center!

*Sign up deadline is August 16

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Available now

Bouncy castles for rent

Make your child’s birthday really special with a bouncy castle from outdoor recreation. There are two sizes available, 13 feet by 13 feet and 15 feet by 15 feet and the cost is \$75 per day. Outdoor recreation will set up the castle for on-base residents for \$50. Call 687-5565 to reserve.

Preschool enrollment

The child development center is beginning enrollment for its fall part-day preschool program for 3- to 5-year-olds. The program will begin on August 21st. The fees will be determined by total family income. For more information, call 687-5588.

Pet supplies

Save on pet medications, toys, grooming equipment and other supplies by ordering through the Whiteman veterinary clinic. The clinic receives significant discounts on items available at pet stores. Call 687-2667 or stop by to see what you can save.

Family Child care news

FCC Orientation Class

Receive training to become a licensed family child care (FCC) provider on Whiteman AFB. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. The program needs providers who are willing to care for children during swing and evening shifts and children with special needs. Stop

by the FCC office to pick up a registration package. For more information, call the FCC office at 687-5590.

Base Residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home care for 10 hours (total for all children in care) or more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call 687-5590 for more details.

Vet Clinic

Pet behaviors tips

Each week throughout August the vet clinic will be sharing their top pet care tips to help you and your pet live in harmony.

- * Give a new pet your undivided attention to get training off to a great start.
- * Give the pet only restricted access within the house until training is complete.
- * Encourage good behavior with praise and attention.

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Movie Schedule

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4

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7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5

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3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6

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Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110
Movies subject to change due to availability.

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Library.....687-5614
Ozark Inn.....687-5469
Touch & Go.....687-2700
Whiteman Inn.....687-1844

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